

Wong Ends His Stint as a Witness

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The former president of Ronald Rewald's investment company yesterday left the witness stand after testifying for two days about his involvement in Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong and his CIA connections.

Trial recessed before noon to give jurors a chance to celebrate Admissions Day and so that a hearing could be held under the Classified Information Procedures Act. The CIPA hearing, closed to the public, lasted more than an hour.

Attorneys completed their questioning of Sunlin "Sunny" Wong, the former BBRD&W president who resigned in Aug. 1983 after Rewald attempted suicide.

Wong said that he was aware of CIA involvement in the company but did not know of any CIA-directed operations. He said, however, he did go on a trip to Hong Kong in 1980 with Rewald that he thought was paid for by the CIA.

Federal Public Defender Michael Levine mainly questioned Wong on the scope of his CIA involvement and the scope of CIA involvement in the company. Levine said during one hearing out of the presence of the jury that he thought Wong was minimizing his CIA activities.

WONG INITIALLY said he knew of only one CIA agent connected to the firm, but under questioning by Levine conceded that he knew several other people who Rewald had indicated were CIA operatives.

Wong also said he had asked the head of Rewald's security guards to investigate how much real estate a certain individual owned in Hawaii. The name of the individual was not disclosed. Wong said he delivered the report, which cost \$187, to then-CIA bureau chief Jack Rardin.

Levine hopes to prove to the jury that Rewald used BBRD&W investors' money at the orders of the CIA.

The CIA has admitted only slight involvement with the company.